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Welcome to National Rooster Crow Weekend 2004

On behalf of the Rogue River Chamber of Commerce and the Rogue River Kiwanis Club, welcome to Rooster Crow Weekend 2004.

We are looking forward to an exceptional weekend of fun. Volunteers from around Rogue River and the surrounding area have worked together to present a wide variety of activities for your enjoyment. Businesses and civic organizations from the area have supported the publication of this booklet, with proceeds benefitting both the Chamber of Commerce and the Kiwanis Club. Please patronize these businesses whenever possible.

Dating back 51 years, The Rooster Crow is a long-standing tradition in Rogue River. We have worked to continue that tradition and to add more fun-filled events to it. We hope that you enjoy all that we have to offer during Rooster Crow Weekend 2004.

Dean Stirm, President
Rogue River Chamber of Commerce

Dr. Jean McFadden-Layton, N.D.
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The Rooster Crow Parade (Saturday, June 26 @ 10 am) is one of the highlights of Rooster Crow Weekend.

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Calendar Of Events

Rooster Crow Weekend 2004

Friday, June 25

5-6:30 p.m. – **Rooster Crow Kickoff Dinner** sponsored by the Rogue River Chamber of Commerce @ The Rogue River Community Center.

6-9:30 p.m. – **The Boogie Kats,** presented by the Rogue River Chamber of Commerce, Woodville Museum Bandstand

Saturday, June 26

8:00 a.m. – **Fun Run/Walk***, Starts and ends at Rogue River Beck Field, Rogue River Middle School

8 a.m. to 10 a.m. – **Parade Formation**, Rogue River Shopping Center

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. – **Concession, Arts & Crafts** Booths Open

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Rooster Crow Weekend favorites the Boogie Kats will entertain at the Woodville Museum Bandstand on Friday night begining at 6:30 pm.

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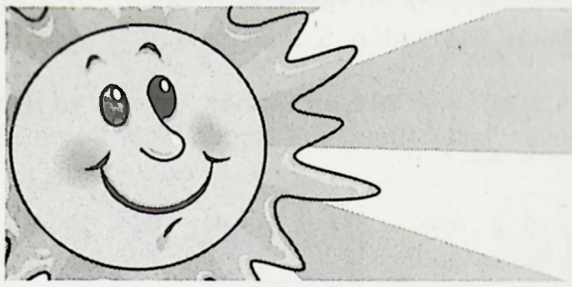

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The Rooster Crow Parade promises to entertain.

10 a.m. – **Rooster Crow Weekend Parade**, Downtown

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. – **Piecemakers Quilt Show**, Rogue River Middle School

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. – **Rooster Crowing Contest Registration**, Elementary School Field

11 a.m. to 3 p.m. – **Chicken Dinner*** sponsored by the Rogue River High School FFA, Rogue River Community Center.

11 a.m. to 2 p.m. – **Gary Henley Trio,** Woodville Museum Bandstand

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Rogue River Chamber of Commerce

2004 Rooster Crow Parade

Saturday, June 26, 2004

Theme: Patriotic Crowing

Deadline For Entries: Monday, June 21

Return To Rogue River Chamber of Commerce Office

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Parade Formation, 8-9:45 AM Saturday, June 26th • Rogue River Shopping Center Parking Lot
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PARADE STARTS AT 10 AM

All entries will be judged on the basis of **ORIGINALITY, THEME** and **PRESENTATION** in each category.
Trophies and ribbons will be presented at 1:45 p.m. at the Rooster Crow Arena.
All visiting dignitaries from outside School District 35 must provide own transportation and banner.

✂ ✂ Clip & Mail Application To: P.O. Box 457, Rogue River, OR 97537 ✂ ✂

Name of group or individual (please print)_____

Address_____ **Phone**_____

Category Type (Choose From List Below) _____

Applicant Signature (If under 18 parent must sign)_____

Entry fee is $10 per unit. This fee helps defray the expense of ribbons and trophies.
Entries received after June 21 will be last in line. Enter early, please.

Chamber of Commerce hereby disclaims any and all liability of any nature, whatsoever, and Applicant hereby agrees to hold the Rogue River Area Chamber of Commerce harmless in any action from such accidents. Children under 18 years of age must have parent's signature.

PARADE ENTRY CATEGORIES

___* Best Theme-Related Entry

___* Non-Commercial Float (schools, churches, etc.)

___* Commercial Float (entered by business)

___* Best Youth Entry

___* Best Adult Entry

___Antique Autos (group) Plaque given

___Adult Riders (horse)

___Junior Riders (horse)

___Marching Units (baton,drum & bugle, etc)

___* Golden Shovel

All dignitaries from outside School District 35 must provide own parade transportation and banner.

***Trophies Awarded In These Categories Only. Other Categories Receive Ribbons.**

Calendar Of Events

Rooster Crow Weekend 2004

The Rogue Valley Piecemakers will hold their annual Quilt Show June 26-27 at Rogue River Middle School.

for children, sponsored by the Rogue River Chamber of Commerce. Elementary School Field.

1:45 p.m. – **Parade Awards**, Rooster Crow Arena (Elementary School Field). Trophies and awards not picked up will be available at Rogue River Chamber of Commerce office on Monday, June 30 beginning at 10 a.m.

2 p.m. – **Human Rooster Crow Contest,** Elementary School Field

2:30 p.m. – **51st Annual National Rooster Crow Championship**, Elementary School Field

3:30-7 p.m. – **Chase N The Blues,** presented by the Rogue River Chamber of Commerce, Woodville Museum Bandstand.

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Calendar Of Events

Rooster Crow Weekend 2004

Sunday, June 27

8 a.m. to 3 p.m. – **Rooster Crow Car Show,** Elementary School field (awards at 3:30 p.m.)

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. – **Concession, Arts & Crafts** Booths Open

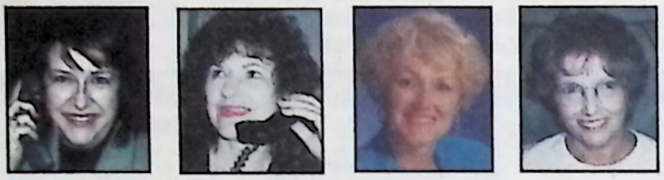
10 a.m. to 4 p.m. – **Piecemakers Quilt Show***, Rogue River Middle School

2 p.m. to 5 p.m. – **Rogue River Accordion Club Jam***, Rogue River Community Center Annex

–Events denoted by an * carry an admission or entrance fee. All other events are free of charge.

Schedule subject to change without notice.

The classics will be on display during the annual Rooster Crow Car & Bike Show on Sunday, June 27.



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Rogue River Rooster Crow Run Application

5K Run/2 Mile Walk • Saturday, June 26th, 2004 • 8 am

Rogue River Middle School • Beck Field

Course: Flat & fast, paved out and back

Entry Fee: Pre-Registration through June 16th •
$6 Pre-registration with no t-shirt •
$15 Pre-registration with t-shirt
$9 Race day with no t-shirt

Registration: Pre-registration by mail postdated June 16th • Day of race 6:30 am to 7:30 am

Divisions: All, including Wheelchair

Awards: Place and participation ribbons for all age groups

Drawings: Prizes! Must be present to win

Restrictions: Absolutely no rollerblades or skates, rollber blades, bicycles, skateboards, baby joggers, dogs, headphones or unregistered participants.

Name:_____ Age:___ Shirt: S M L XL Gender: M F
Address_____ City_____ St.___ Zip_____
Ph#_____ Event(circle one) 5K Run - 2 Mile Walk - Wheelchair

Mandatory release form: I know that running or walking in Rogue River's Rooster Crow Run is potentially a hazardous activity. I should not enter and run unless I am medically able and properly trained. I agree to abide by any decision of the race officials relative to my ability to safely complete the run/walk. I assume all risks associated with running or walking in Rogue River's Rooster Crow Run/Walk including, but not limited to, falls, contact with other participants, the effects of the weather, including high heat and/or humidity, traffic and conditions of the road; all such risks being known and appreciated by me. Having read this waiver and knowing these facts and in consideration of your accepting this application, I for myself and anyone entitled to act in my behalf, waive and release any and all sponsors including but not limited to AARC, SOSRC, USAT&F, School District #35, Rogue River Chamber of Commerce, City of Rogue River, Jackson County, the State of Oregon, and all other sponsors, the represehtatives and successors from claims or liabilities of any kind arising out of my participation in this event even though that liability may rise out of negligence or carelessness on the part of the persons named in this waiver.

_____ No one may enter this event without signing the above waiver. Runners under 18 years old must have a parent or guardian's signature of permission.

Mail completed entry form with check to

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Past National Rooster Crow Champions

There is no exact science to convincing a rooster to crow.

1953 Hollerin' Harry 71
1953 Beetle Baum 109
1954 Rocky 79
1955 Prince Albert 81
1956 Briggs 70
1957 Goldie 66
1958 Rusty 68
1959 Sandy 96
1960 Jerome 67
1961 Rascal 69
1962 Geronimo 63
1963 Mac-A Do 90
1964 Mac's Joe 69
1965 Black Fella 71
1966 Drum Stick 80
1967 Rinky Dink 49
1968 T-Bird 63
1969 Guber 71
1970 Rex 70
1971 Super Chicken 85
1972 Tom Dooley 73
1973 Great Speckled Bird 63
1974 Wild Bill 59
1975 Rastus 73
1976 Hamlet 57
1977 Doodle Do 62
1978 White Lightning 112
1979 Chunker 98
1980 Lewis (of Lewis & Clark) 87
1981 Crow'n Joe 82
1982 Crow'n Joe 65
1983 Crow'n Joe 70
1984 Chicken Little 83
1985 Crystal's Silver Streak 61
1986 Rosebud 90
1987 Redland Red 48
1988 Will E. Crow 56
1989 Henry 74
1990 Toby 71
1991 Bart 76
1992 Garth 76
1993 Just a Rooster 96
1994 Just a Rooster 68
1995 Mr. Skinhead 69
1996 Fowl Mouth 80
1997 One Eyed Jack 31
1998 Hank 50
1999 Henry Rooster 42
2000 Love Machine 36
2001 Splash 49
2002 Warfield 46
2003 Stew M. Wright 25
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A Parade For Everyone!

The annual Rooster Crow Parade brings out entrants of all ages, including this young lady who was assigned the dubious distinction of picking up the "leftovers" from one of the horse-related entries. See page 7 for an entry form for the 2004 parade.

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2003 Rooster Crow Parade results

Here are the big winners from last year's parade

Best Theme-Related Entry: 1. Southern Oregon Federal Credit Union; 2. Martin Family; 3. Evergreen Bank.

Best Non-Commercial Float: 1. Rogue River Accordion Club; 2. Red Hat Society; 3. Rogue River Garden Club.

Best Commercial Float: 1. Tarasco Mexican Restaurant; 2. Baci's; 3. Grooming by Terri.

Best Youth Entry: 1. Rogue River Little League; 2. U-10 Boys Soccer Champs; 3. Outlaw Kage Karts.

Best Adult Entry: 1. Realm of Honor & Chivalry; 2. Electric Wheels; 3. Sharon Brown.

Best Antique Auto: 1. Barnes Ranch; 2. Sam Reeley; 3. Marty & Lori Erickson.

Best Adult Riders: 1. Holmes Ranch.

Best Junior Riders: 1. Rogue River High Equestrian Team; 2. Darci Mortinson.

Best Marching Unit: 1. Rogue River Valley Young Marines; 2. Kids on Broadway; 3. Color Guard.

Golden Shovel: 1. Cecil Smith Horse Team; 2. Darci Mortinson; 3. Rogue River High Equestrian Team.

We went to a parade and a square dance broke out!

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Rules of the National Rooster Crow Championship

On the day of the Rooster Crow, fill out an entry form – available at the entry registration booth set up at the Crowing Contest area. No prior registration will be made. Entries will be accepted from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. At the time of registration the roosters will be left in the crowing contest area.

No entry fee is charged.

At 2:30 p.m. the Crowing Contest gets underway as the judges to start counting the utterances of the feathered contestants. For 30 solid minutes the crows of each rooster are recorded by his private judge.

Scores are tallied and awards are made at 3:15 p.m. Cash prizes are presented to the owners of the top five contenders.

Those wishing to participate must abide by the following rules:

1. One rooster per person.

2. The rooster must be in the cage.

3. Entrant must furnish one judge 14 years of age or older.

4. Crow tallies may be verified by Crow officials at any time.

5. No mechanical, electrical, physical, or chemical stimulants or devices will be allowed in the cage with the rooster.

6. In no case will the roosters be abused or mistreated.

Interpretation, application and enforcement of these rules are the prerogative of the Rogue River Kiwanis Club and violations may result in warning or disqualification.

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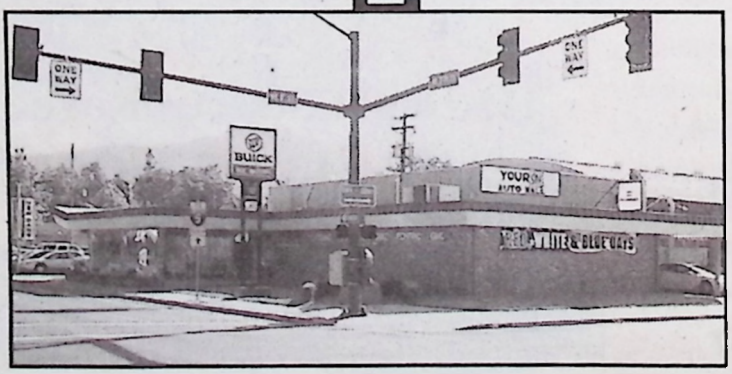

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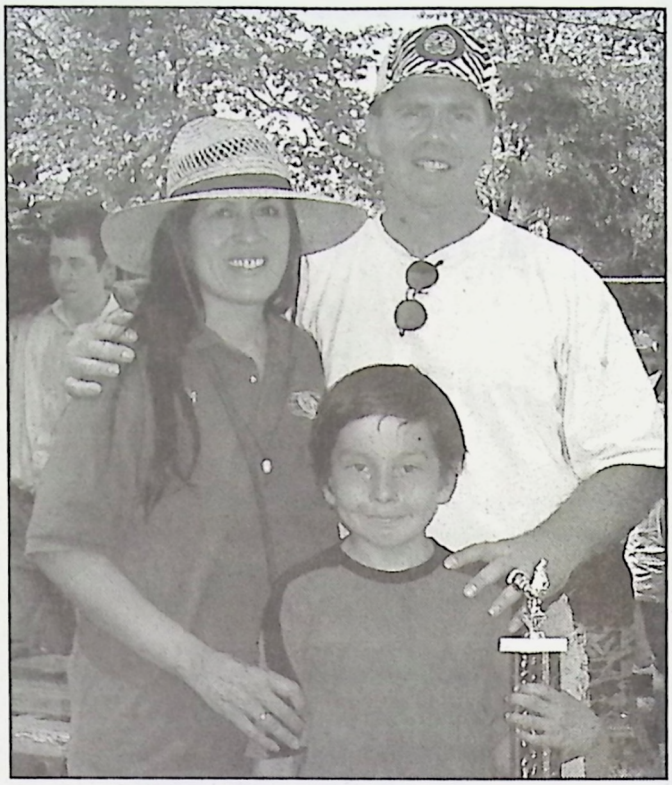
5th Place: $10

Prizes awarded courtesy of the Rogue River Kiwanis Club.

A cash prize of $15 and the Goldsmith Memorial Trophy are awarded to the most unique cage entry.



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2004 Rooster Crow Parade Grand Marshal

Rogue River is the place to be for Nancy Bradley

When you think of Rogue River, Nancy Bradley's name doesn't take long to enter the conversation.

A resident of the community for all but about seven years of her life, Bradley has watched it transform over the years but at the same time retain the charm she grew up with.

"I really like it here," Bradley said. "Even when I wasn't living here (mostly while attending the University of Oregon) it was just a matter of time until I could get back."

A 1956 graduate of Rogue River High School, Nancy went on to the University of Oregon.

Her post-college pursuits have been varied, including time in accounting, managing a lodge and working for the U.S. Postal Service. Along the way she raised a family (all three of her children still live in the community) and eventually found her way to the real estate business.

Bradley Realty is annually among the top producing real estate offices in Rogue River. Relationships keep her coming back for more.

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Nancy was named the Grants Pass Multiple Listing Service's Realtor of the Year in 2003.

A past president of the Rogue River Chamber of Commerce, Nancy enjoys giving back to her community and looks forward to a bright future in the town she grew up in.

"I wanted to raise my children here. I wanted them to have the opportunities and some of the same kind of memories I had growing up in Rogue River."

Nancy Bradley is the grand marshal of the 2004 Rooster Crow Parade.

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The fun kicks off on

Friday 6:30-10 pm
The Boogie Kats
Saturday 11 am-2 pm
The Geary Henley Trio
Saturday 3:30-7 pm
Chase N the Blues

Friday when the Boogie Kats return to play at the Woodville Museum Bandstand. One of the most popular bands in the Rogue Valley, the Boogie Kats play a wide variety of music, spanning several decades and sounds.

The Museum Bandstand will also feature the Gary Henley Trio on Saturday following the Rooster Crow Parade. The event is sponsored by the Woodville Museum.

The Gary Henley Trio returns to the Woodville Museum Bandstand following the parade on Saturaday.

On Saturday after the Rooster Crow, the Chamber of Commerce presents Chase n The Blues, another Rogue River-based band with a wide array of songs.

There is no admission charge to enjoy the music at the bandstand. A dance floor will be set up to accomodate those who want to boogie.

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9:00 a.m. - ???

Saturday, June 26, 2004

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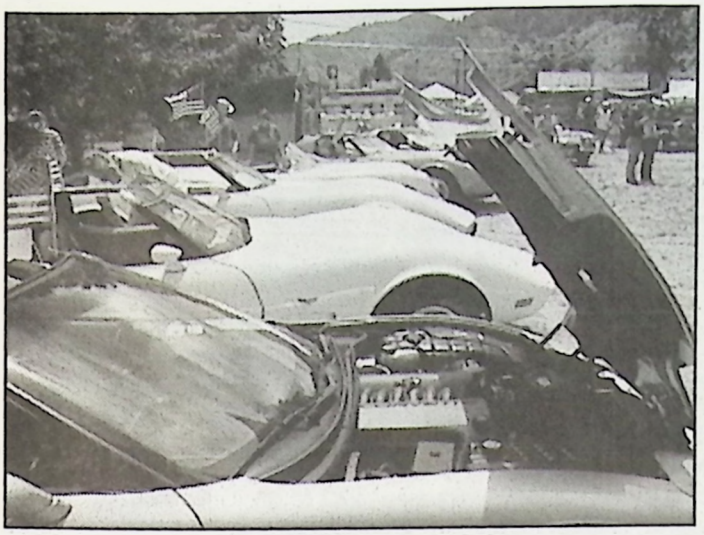
A Day Of Classics



There will be plenty of classics to check out at the Rooster Crow Car & Bike Show on June 27.

2003 Rooster Crow Car & Bike Show
Car Show Results

People's Choice: Terry Lattermore, '55 Pontiac.

Class A (1937 and older): 1. Merve Colvin, '32 Ford; 2. Ed Graham, '31 Chevy.

Class B (1938-1949): 1. Ron Pomeroy, '39 Buick; 2. Dick Stuckley, '39 Buick.

Class C (1950-1959): 1. Jim Speaks, '57 T-Bird; 2. Frank & Karen, '59 Chevy.

Class D (1960-1969): 1. Perry Nutting, '67 Camero; 2. Ed Sutch, '67 Corvette.

Class E (1970-1979): 1. John Walker, Corvette; 2. Dave Haze, '70 Chevelle.

Class F (1980-Newer): 1. Russ Souter, 2000 Viper; 2. Lowell Harris, '96 Corvette.

Class T (truck): 1. Fred Yarrish, '75 Chevy; 2. Dean Mettler, '57 Chevy.

Bike Show Results

People's Choice: Jennifer Cables.

Class A (1979 and older): 1. Jennifer Cabers; 2. Pete Zwinkel.

Class B (1980 & newer): 1. Mike Cables; 2. Buzz Perry.

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2003 Rooster Crow Run Results

Simmons, Julian set pace a year ago

Amber Simmons paced the women while Tim Julian was the top male runner in the annual Rooster Crow 5K on Saturday morning, June 28, 2003. Simmons covered the course in 19:41 while Julian paced all runners in a blazing 15:23. The event was sponsored by the Rogue River High School cross country program.

Race organizers expect another excelent turnout in 2004. See page 11 for an entry form. Pre-registration has already closed but you can still register for the run or walk on the day of the event, June 26.

2003 Rooster Crow Run Results

1. Tim Julian, 15.23; 2. Robert Julian, 16:16; 3. Sam Jacobson, 17:14; 4. Jesse Hart, 17:30; 4. Tom McGann, 17:35; 6. John Leuthold, 17:54; 7. Levi Jackson, 17:57; 8. Gary Clarida, 18:12; 9. Brandon Reavis, 18:21; 10. Levi Jacobson, 18:41.

11. Brad Higgins, 19:29; 12. Max Bennett, 19:39; 13. Amber Simmons, 19:41; 14. Rory Curtis, 19:50; 15. Caleb Jacobson, 19:57; 16. Elena McKennon, 20:00; 17. Charles Hodge, 20:06; 18. Doug Naversen, 20:17; 19. Danielle Jordan, 20:58; 20. Ryan DeRoo, 21:18.

21. Adam Rose, 21:28; 22. Bob Vaughn, 21:38; 23. Dan Glaser, 21:48; 24. Bary Kaiser, 21:52; 25. Ted Baumer, 22:01; 26. Barry Soloe, 22:15; 27. Kendel Nelson, 22:27; 28. Brianne Hwang, 22:27; 29. Mary Vansteenberghe, 22:28; 30. Dave Marshall, 22:48.

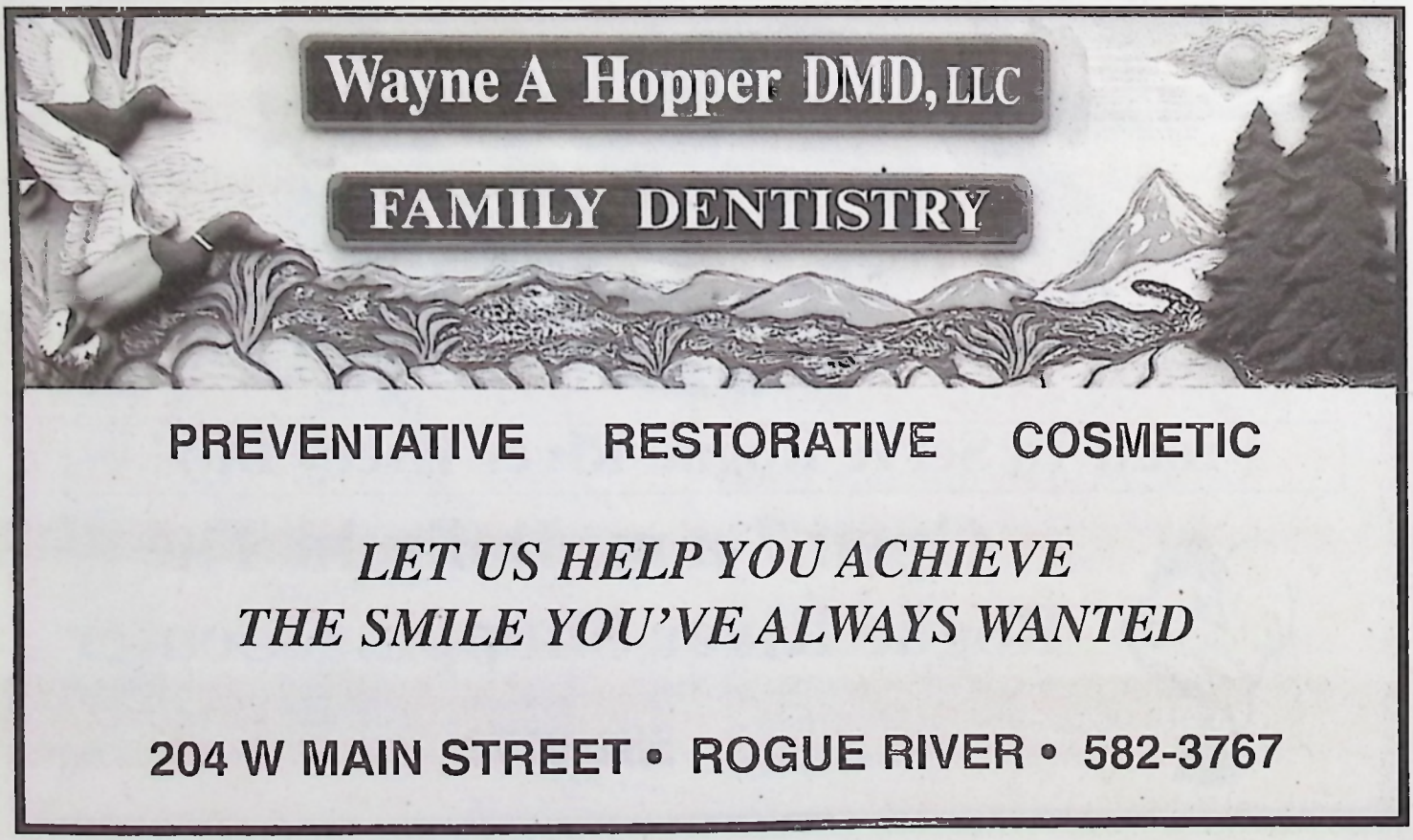
31. Dennis Haley, 22:57; 32. Melissa Shefcheck, 23:24; 33. Vanessa Connolly, 24:05; 34. Todd Harper, 24:13; 35. George Felker, 24:16; 36. Irish Mike Barrett, 24:20; 37. Derek VanHorn, 24:21; 38. Abbigale Foster, 24:33; 39. Phil Finch, 24:43; 40. Lisa Bain, 24:45.

41. Kimberly Jahn, 24:54; 42. Amanda Phillips, 24:55; 43. Sarah Kieffer, 24:56; 44. Bernard Scherrer, 24:57; 45. Cathy Vaughn, 25:04; 46. Amanda Silas, 25:17; 47. Randi Stuart, 25:21; 48. Ginny Hicks, 25:33; 49. Cheryl Salas, 25:39; 50. Linnea Fox, 25:47.

51. Julie Karlinger, 25:48; 52. Heidi Ankeny, 25:55; 53. Bill Kaelin, 26:08; 54. Jamie Haley, 26:12; 55. Ellie Rodrigues, 26:37; 56. Robin VanHorn, 26:43; 57. Nancy Higgins, 26:47; 58. Mike Gallagher, 27:02; 59. Kelly Bennett, 27:26; 60. Bruce Tharpe, 27:46.

61. Steve Gregory, 28:14; 62. Laura Bennett, 28:16; 63. Don Morrow, 28:17; 64. Brookie Carrigan, 28:39; 65. Luke Ankeny, 28:40; 66. Len Ramp, 28:46; 67. Bob Morrow, 29:09; 68. Ashley Tobiska, 29:13; 69. Linda Ahern, 29:22; 70. Wynis Grow, 29:53.

71. Bill Hutchinson, 30:12; 72. Susan Valles, 30:36; 73. Harold Vermeer, 30:39; 74. Erin Kelly, 30:42; 75. Hope Guerrero, 33:01; 76. Dave Ehrhardt, 35:52; 77. Cristi Hermant, 36:09; 78. Ray Chester, 35:52; 79. Shirley Crosson, 37:04; 80. Lori Savage, 37:20; 81. Lee Ferguson, 43:09; 82. Barbara Vlahos, 52:54.



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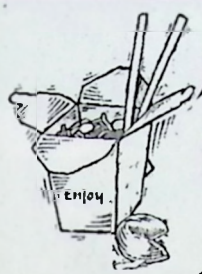

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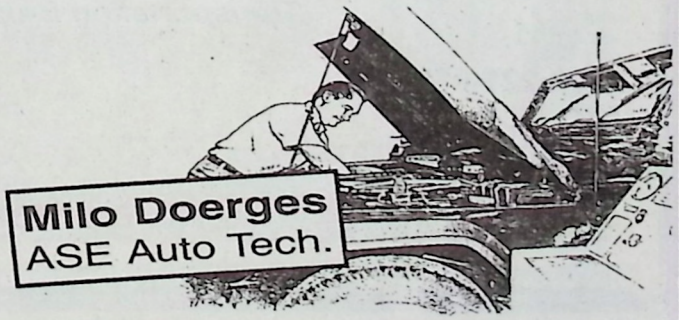

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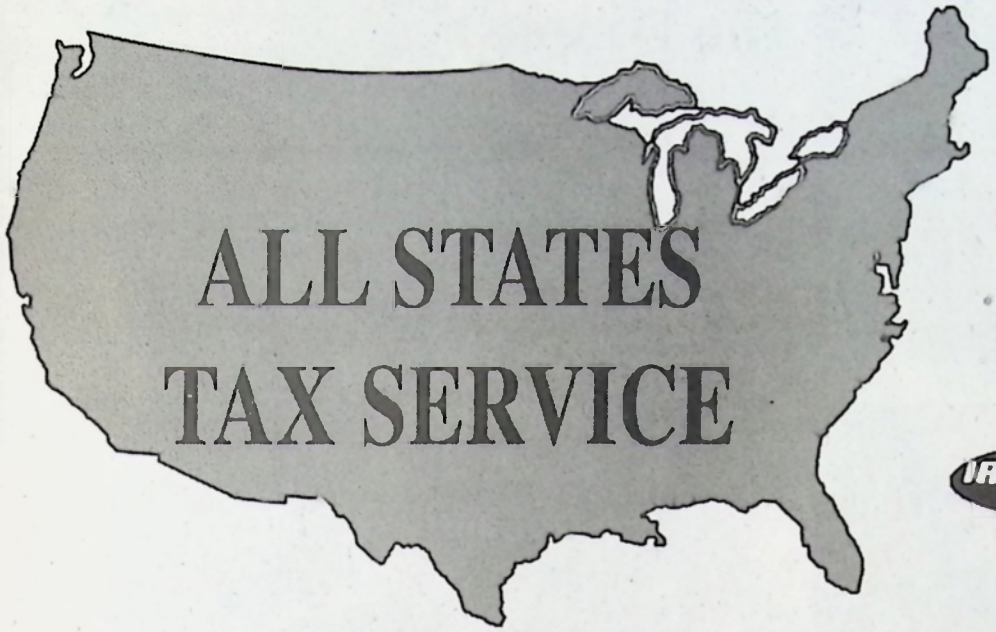

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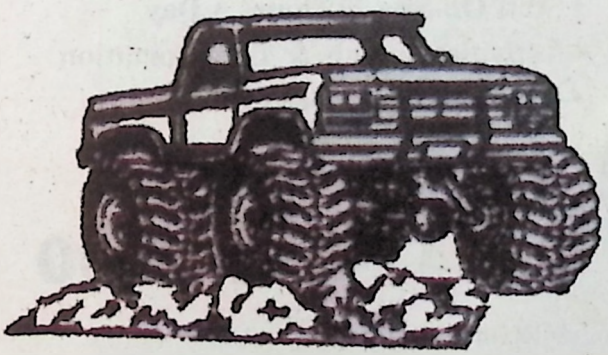

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History Of The Rooster Crow

A Crowin' Good Time

In April of 1953, the merchants of Rogue River formed an organization which was called the Rogue River Boosters Club. The aim of this group was to boost the City of Rogue River and the community and to let it be known that it was a town – not a river. One of the members said that he had once read about some miners holding a rooster crowing contest, and the group thought that this would be a novel event and might be just the thing to boost their town.

For that first Rooster Crow, it was decided that the group would pledge $100 to be given in prizes with the first prize of $50 going to the owner of the rooster crowing the most number of times in a 30-minute period. Tentative plans for this first year of the crow were that this event would be held quarterly or semi-annually.

According to the April 30, 1953 issue of *The Times* (Rogue River's weekly newspaper at the time), "Immediately following the announcement that the contest would be staged, newspapers in all parts of the country and radio stations in their broadcasts told of the impending contest. This was what the Boosters had hoped for – something to publicize Rogue River as a town."

Prior to the first Rogue River National Rooster Crowing Contest, which was held on May 23, 1953, the merchants displayed the caged

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How do you make a rooster crow?

There doesn't seem to be any sure way. Some folks keep the cages covered until just before the crowing contest. They feel that in this way the rooster will think it is morning when the cage is uncovered and will then start to crow – hoping, of course, that it will be enough times to get that first prize or at least one of the prizes.

Some of the largest news-gathering organizations in the world have featured our little event in some shape or form over the years and the history promises to only get richer as organizers continue to enhance the weekend and put Rogue River on the map – at least for a day!

See you at the Crow!

Rooster Crow History: Hollerin' Harry Was The 1st

roosters in front of their places of business. During this time, roosters were stolen or hidden away and many shenanigans took place.

First place winner of this initial event was a rooster named Hollerin' Harry, owned by Rogue River's Donnie Martin. Harry crowed 71 times during the half-hour period and won $50 for his owner. After the contest was over, an auction was held for anyone wanting to sell their roosters. Silent Sam, who had not uttered a sound during the contest, started in with a bid of 10¢ and ended up at $50.

Donnie Martin's bird Hollerin' Harry won the first-ever National Rooster Crow

A second contest was held during 1953, this one taking place on September 5. For this one, the merchants decided to give $200 in prizes with the first prize $100 and the balance going to the runners-up. Winner of this contest was Beetlebaum with 109 crows, which stood as a world record until White Lightning's 112-crow effort in 1978.

After this second Crow in 1953, the Boosters organization decided to hold the Rooster Crow once a year and that the date would be the last Saturday in June.

Prior to the 1954 event, the organization decided to give $250 in cash prizes with $100 for first place and seven additional prizes including $10 for the best cage. That contest was attended by about 2,000 spectators. Winner of first place was Rocky with 79 crows. Beetlebaum's son, Beetlebaum II, in trial workouts in his own backyard had crowed as many as 102 times in 30 minutes. In the actual contest, he did not make a sound. The winning cage was made to look like an old southern mansion.

In 1955, Prince Albert brought $100 to his owner and a trophy for winning first place with 81 crows. He was one of 142 entries that year. Another winner this year was a rooster that had been purchased at the "rooster auction" last year for 50¢ and this year brought its owner a prize of $50. That was a 50¢ investment which really paid off.

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In 1957, a beautiful rooster named Goldie and its owner were the recipients of $250 and a trophy. To do this, Goldie crowed 66 times in the 30-minute contest.

The winner in 1958 was Rusty with 68 crows and, as before, $250 and a trophy went to the owner. From *The Times* issue of June 27, 1958, "A little red banty rooster that never had done anything notable in his life except chase grasshoppers and hens, won over 263 other roosters to become Rooster Crowing Champion of the world". The winning cage this year was built in the form of a fireplace.

Crow, or in the pot you go!

Some Serious Attention

As in previous years, the Rogue River National Rooster Crowing Contest was given wide publicity on TV, radio, newspapers and magazines. In addition to this, 10,000 brochures were mailed to people throughout the country. This year, 1959, was the year of the Oregon Centennial and we wanted to tell as many people as possible about the

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In 1960, the site of the annual Rooster Crow event was moved to the grade school grounds and has been held there ever since. Winning the contest in 1960 was Jerome with 67 crows. The 1959 winner, Sandy, only crowed 20 times and Twinkle Twerp came in third with 56 crows.

In 1961, the Rogue River National Rooster Crowing Contest was taken over by the local Chamber of Commerce. To help raise funds for the prizes, a smorgasbord was held and a dance. Winner of the 1961 event was Rascal who gave out 69 lusty crows to walk away with the honors. Also participating in the event was Hoosier Hot Shot which was an entry from Purdue University. There was a surprise (and unusual) entry this year – a peacock.

What do you say to make a rooster crow? It's anybody's guess!

Bigger & Better

The Rooster Crow has continued to crow and flourish over the years. Thousands of roosters – and owners – have tested their luck, all for the sake of a bit of glory and a little money. These days, the Rogue River Kiwanis Club and Rogue River Chamber of Commerce stage the annual event, which has grown into an entire weekend of fun.

With fewer and fewer farms, there aren't the overflow number of entrants of days gone by. Still, we attract a field around 50 each year, all in hopes of taking home some glory.

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